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NICARAGUA/U.S. JENNINGS: The head of Nicaragua's Sandinista regime, Daniel Ortega, today accused the United States of preparing to launch an invasion of Nicaragua on the 15th of October. Speaking to the United Nations, Ortega said the invasion would be carried out by U.S.-supported antigovernment forces. He also accused the Pentagon and the CIA of trying to prevent Nicaraguan elections; they are scheduled for the 4th of November. Spokesmen for the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon all denied Ortega's charges.